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SPOT REPORT

SAM SHOOTDOWN OF HOSTILE ACFT IN THE VINH AREA 26 APR 66

TRANSCRIPTION OF [REDACTED] MULTICHANNEL [REDACTED] RADIO

RELAY COMMUNICATIONS INTERCEPTED ON 26 APR 66 BETWEEN

2309Z AND 2331Z INDICATES THAT TWO AIRCRAFT HOSTILE

TO THE DRV WERE DESTROYED BY A SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILE

IN THE VINH AREA WHILE CONDUCTING STRIKE ACTIVITY.

A REPORT RECEIVED BY A VINH AREA SUBSCRIBER RELATED

THE DESTRUCTION OF BOTH AIRCRAFT IN A FLIGHT OF TWO WHICH HAD BEEN STRIKING BRIDGES ON HIGHWAY FIFTEEN.

MISSILE BLAST NOISE BECAME AUDIBLE

IN THE BACKGROUND OF CHANNEL ONE COMMUNICATIONS AT 2311 42Z

AND 2311 51Z. SHORTLY AFTER 2313Z A SPEAKER REPRESENTING

THE FACILITY REPORTED DESTRUCTION OF TWO AIRCRAFT AT

A RANGE OF 12.3 NAUTICAL MILES. BEARING OF THE TARGET

WITH RESPECT TO THE INSTALLATION WAS 263 DEGREES.

ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, THE FIRST MISSILE EXPLODED

DIRECTLY ON TARGET AND THE SECOND CONTINUED ONWARD WITHOUT

DETONATING. THE FIRST MISSILE HAD BEEN LAUNCHED AT A

TARGET RANGE OF THIRTEEN NAUTICAL MILES. SPEED OF THE

TARGET AT THE TIME OF LAUNCH WAS DESCRIBED AS 447 KNOTS

WITH AN ALTITUDE OF 23,616 FT. THE SPEAKER ALSO MENTIONED

THAT PRIOR TO FIRING ON HIS FACILITY HAD EXPERIENCED

QUOTE POSITIVE INTERFERENCE UNQUOTE (JAMMING). THE SPEAKER SAID THIS DISTURBANCE HAD LASTED A LONG TIME

AND HE QUOTE COULD NOT SEE ANYTHING AT ALL UNQUOTE.

THE SPEAKER INDICATED THAT AS SOON AS THE DISTURBANCE

SUBSIDED THE TARGET HAD BEEN ACQUIRED, AND LAUNCH

OCCURRED WITHOUT MISHAP.

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